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WATER RIGHT HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED REVOCATION OF AUBURN DAM PROJECT PERMITS

On June 13, 2008, I received a letter from John Herrick, who represents South Delta Water Agency (South Delta), concerning South Delta's failure to appear at the pre-hearing conference on June 4, 2008. Mr. Herrick explained that he had asked San Joaquin County representatives to represent South Delta at the pre-hearing conference because he had a scheduling conflict, but there was a miscommunication and the San Joaquin County representatives did not state that they were representing South Delta. South Delta appears to have made a good faith effort to appear at the pre-hearing conference, and therefore I will allow South Delta to participate in the hearing, subject to the time limits and other procedural limitations set forth in my June 9, 2008, letter.

One of the procedural matters addressed in my June 9, 2008, letter was a reminder that ex parte communications concerning substantive or controversial procedural issues relevant to this hearing are prohibited. Notwithstanding this reminder, South Delta does not appear to have sent a copy of its June 13, 2008, letter to the service list. In addition, the State Water Resources Control Board has received letters from Assemblyman Ted Gaines and Gold Country Paddlers that were not sent to the service list. As required by Government Code section 11430.50, all of these letters will be made a part of the record in this proceeding. The letters from Assemblyman Ted Gaines and Gold Country Paddlers will be treated as policy statements, and posted on the web page for this hearing.

In order to ensure that South Delta's future participation in this hearing is consistent with all procedural requirements, South Delta should review the hearing notice and my June 9, 2008, letter to the parties. I also encourage South Delta to coordinate with the County of San Joaquin and San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (San Joaquin County) to avoid the presentation of duplicative testimony. Both South Delta and San Joaquin County propose to present testimony from the same witness, Dr. Mel Lytle, on similar topics. It may be possible to consolidate Dr. Lytle's testimony and present it during one case-in-chief instead of two.

If you have any non-controversial, procedural questions, please contact Dana Heinrich at (916) 341-5188 or dheinrich@waterboards.ca.gov or Jean McCue at (916) 341-5351 or jmccue@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Gary Wolff, Ph.D. Hearing Officer

cc: The Honorable Ted Gaines
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REVISED SERVICE LIST (June 18, 2008)

<u>PARTICIPANTS TO BE SERVED</u> WITH WRITTEN TESTIMONY, EXHIBITS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. (Note: The participants listed below <u>agreed to accept</u> electronic service, pursuant to the rules specified in the hearing notice.)

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